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In re the application of:

Osamu TATEWAKI et al.

Appln. No.: 10/767,613

Group Art Unit: 3611

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For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

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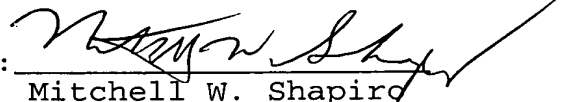
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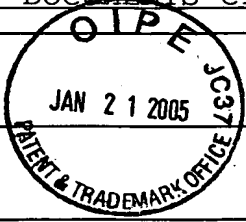
APPENDED COMMENTS - U.S. Appln. No. 10/767,613

With respect to Japanese Utility Model Application Laid Open  
No. 62-127868:

An elastic member is disposed between a housing in  
which a ball screw and nut mechanism is supported through a  
bearing and a housing for a rack and pinion mechanism.

With respect to Japanese Utility Model Application Laid Open  
No. 63-12471:

A rack and pinion engaging portion is supported by a  
rack guide (21) disposed at the back of a rack shaft (9). A  
nut member of a ball screw and nut mechanism is supported  
rotatably and rockably.

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